

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. Pursuant to that regulation, Stephanie Ramirez-Ridgeway, Counsel for the Applicant Review Panel, requested information on behalf of the panel concerning an applicant being considered for selection to the Commission. This is a report by bureau staff in response to that request.

Name of Applicant: John M. Powers_____.

Date of request to collect information: June 3, 2010_____.

Statement of request: Find out whether Applicant has a disqualifying conflict of interest as a consequence of his wife, Margaret A. Powers, serving as a superior court judge._____.

Response to request: According to an article about Judge Margaret A. Powers published by the San Bernardino County Bar Association, she was appointed to the superior court bench by Governor Pete Wilson in 1995, and has been serving continuously as a superior court judge since that time. According to the Secretary of State's Office, Judge Powers has not been a candidate for re-election since her appointment. Applicant therefore does not have a disqualifying conflict of interest as a consequence of his wife serving as a superior court judge, since she was neither appointed to office nor a candidate for office within the ten year period prior to the date that Applicant submitted an application to serve as a member of the Citizens Redistricting Commission._____.

Recommendations: None_____.

Name and title of person submitting response: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations_____.

Response Date: June 3, 2010_____.